

Minutes

Judicial Education Committee - January 28, 2005 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. National City Center, Room 1165

1. **Committee Members Present.** Earl Penrod, Margret Robb, Barbara Collins, Theodore Boehm, Gregory Donat, Darrin Dolehanty, Steve David, Ted Todd, and Barbara Arnold Harcourt.
2. **Staff Present.** Jane Seigel, Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis and Anne Jordan.
3. **Minutes.** The minutes from the October meeting were approved as submitted.
4. **Review of Winter Program.**
 - a. Evaluation. The evaluation was handed out. Members generally agreed the speaker, Gordon Zimmerman, did a good job in the large group setting. The session was interactive with small group exercises and reporting back. Fairness issues were interwoven through the communication techniques discussed. Judge Penrod sat with many of the new judges who found the program to be worthwhile.
 - b. Attendance at the program. Staff reported 250 judicial officers registered for the program and 190 ultimately attended. The committee discussed the recurring problem of no shows at conference meal functions. The committee suggested sending a notice to registrants reminding them that if they are registered but unable to attend to call and cancel their meal reservation because the Center will incur an average \$25.00 per each meal not cancelled.
5. **New Judicial Officer Orientation Programs.**
 - a. Evaluation. The evaluation tally for the various orientation programs were distributed. Staff announced that the subcommittee plan to have a conference call in February to discuss the pre-bench program, juvenile orientation and general orientation programs. Both Judge Penrod and Judge Dolehanty reported the conferees were impressed with the support they have received from the Judicial Center. Staff reported it was helpful to have program observers attend the general orientation to answer questions after hours, to serve as an additional resource for faculty during presentations, and to provide an independent evaluation of program content. A suggestion was made to (1) have forms in electronic format; and (2) have faculty prepare sample dialogues, orders, etc for materials that will not be covered during the oral presentation.
 - b. Order Mandating Attendance. Various committee members noted the Order provided a basis to require attendance at sessions the judges might not otherwise have felt the need to attend.
6. **Spring Judicial College Program.** A grid was distributed showing the programs being developed for the 2005 Spring Judicial College Program, April 20-22nd. A Mark Your Calendar will be mailed mid-February and registration materials the first week in March. The following additional program suggestions were made: victim's

- rights; local rules; JLAP; paternity cases; child hearsay evidence, and an evidence course which answers/addresses specific evidentiary issues of conferees [“The Evidence Expert Says the Answer to Your Question Is ...”]. Judge David offered to collect evidentiary issues/questions from the committee members that could be used for such an evidence presentation.
7. **Legislative Update Program.** Staff reported a number of judges have requested a live legislative update program. The committee suggested an online webcast as a possibility and/or early bird session at the Annual Meeting in September.
 8. **Part-time Referees and Commissioners.** Committee discussed whether education services should be provided to part-time commissioners/referees who also practice law. The Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference adopted a policy in 1988 that these individuals were not eligible to attend conferences. The committee suggested that a survey be sent to discover the potential number of part-time judicial officers.
 9. **Judicial Education Curriculum.** The 2004 education curriculum grid was distributed. The committee generally discussed the grid categories, percentages and brainstormed program ideas within each category.
 - a. Legal Ability: property tax sales; tax warrants, guardianships, bankruptcy, copyright law; extradition; interstate issues; sentencing alternatives; forensic diversion, pauper counsel in civil/criminal cases; inherent powers; Jones Act (casinos); victim’s rights; appellate process; bonds and bond forfeiture; attorney conflict of interest and disqualification.
 - b. Judicial Skills: case flow management; decision-making; bailiff training; court office operation (management and supervision); special judging; dealing with a high volume court; case processing; function of the court clerk’s office; ex parte orders, letters and correspondence; motion practice; creative court financing; court website and technology; recordkeeping; administrative rules; forms fair; relationships with other branches; civility; and courtroom control.
 - c. Personal Growth and Development: philosophy of ethics; JLAP; natural law/legal positivism; cultural relativity and awareness; yoga and meditation; stress management; family issues; dealing with the difficult person.
 - d. Contemporary/Interdisciplinary: youth culture; basic pharmacology; public health; human genome; common law courts and patriots; juror decision-making; home detention technology; OWI technology.
 - e. Judicial Fairness/Demeanor: cultural awareness and attorney conflict of interest/disqualification issues.
 10. **Next Meeting.** The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Please note the time change due to the Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on March 11th.

Respectfully submitted,
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